## Blackjack.py

Your assignment is to write a program that simulates one round of the card game Blackjack between two players, you and the dealer (the computer).

# **Basic Rules of Blackjack:**

Blackjack is a card game played with a standard deck of 52 cards. Cards are ranked from high to low in the order Ace, King, Queen, Jack, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2. There are four suits: Spades, Hearts, Diamonds, and Clubs. The suits are of equal value.

The goal in each round of Blackjack is to accumulate a higher point total than the dealer *without going over 21 points*. The point value of your hand at any given time is calculated by adding up the values of your individual cards. The cards 2 through 10 have value equal to their ranks (that is, a 2 counts 2 points, an 8 counts 8 points, etc. The Jack (J), Queen (Q), and King (K) are worth ten points each. The Ace (A) is worth either 1 point or 11 points: the player chooses which is more advantageous, and can change his/her mind at any time during his/her turn. The suits of the cards have no effect on the point value of a hand.

#### Examples:

- 4S KH = 14 (four, plus ten for the King)
- QS QD = 20 (each queen is worth ten points)
- 3H 4S AH 6D 2D 2S AS = 19 (there is no limit to the number of cards you have as long as your total doesn't exceed 21)
- AH 8D = 19 or 9 (19 if you choose 11 points for the ace, 9 if you choose 1 point)
- AC AD = 12 or 2 (both aces can't be 11 points since that would put you over 21 points)

At the start of a blackjack game, the player and the dealer each receive two cards. The players' cards are normally dealt face up, while the dealer has one face down (called the "hole card") and one face up. The player should never know the value of the dealer's hole card until the player completes his/her turn. After the initial cards have been dealt, the game begins. The player always goes first.

The best possible blackjack hand is an opening deal of an ace with any ten-point card. This is called a "blackjack", or a "natural" 21. A player dealt a blackjack immediately ends his/her turn, and wins unless the dealer has also been dealt a blackjack. If both the player and the dealer have a blackjack, the tie goes to the dealer.

The player can choose to keep his/her hand as it is ("stand" or "stay") or request more cards from the deck ("hit"), one at a time, until either the player judges that the hand is strong enough to win, and stands; or until the value of the hand exceeds 21, in which case the player immediately loses ("busts").

A common strategy is to count an Ace as 11 points at the start, in an attempt to get a blackjack or a favorable hand total. If the player does not like the result (such as busting), he/she can then choose to count the Ace as 1 point instead, and continue drawing cards.

Sample strategy for the examples above:

- 4S KH = 14: A total of 14 is relatively easy for the dealer to beat. If you "hit" (draw another card) on this hand, there is a risk of drawing an 8 or higher, "busting" and losing; however, drawing a 7 or less would improve your hand. Those odds, plus the fact that is is very likely that the dealer can do better than a 14, means you would probably hit rather than stay.
- QS QD = 20 (each queen is worth ten points). The only way to improve this hand would be to draw an ace to make the total exactly 21. Since the odds are extremely small this would happen, you should stay.
- 3H 4S AH 6D 2D 2S AS = 19 Although it's possible to improve this hand, the odds suggest you stay at 19.
- AH 8D = 19 or 9 (19 if you choose 11 points for the ace, 9 if you choose 1 point). Although it's possible to improve this hand, the odds suggest you stay at 19.
- AC AD = 12 or 2 (both aces can't be 11 points since that would put you over 21 points). 12 is too easy to beat. You should hit to see how close to 21 you can get with additional cards. If you go over 21, you have the option to count the ace as 2 instead, and either stay with your new total or hit again.

If the player hasn't "busted", it becomes the dealer's turn. The dealer reveals the facedown "hole card", and all play is done openly as the dealer tries to beat the player's hand. The dealer begins drawing cards one at a time until one of three things happens:

- If the dealer's hand exceeds 21 (i.e., the dealer "busts"), the player wins.
- If the dealer's hand is higher than or equal to the player's hand, the dealer wins. (Ties go to the dealer.)
- If the dealer's hand is still lower than the player's hand, the dealer draws another card.

For the purpose of this assignment, you can assume:

- The game is limited to two players, you and the dealer (the computer).
- You will play only one hand, using a complete deck of 52 shuffled cards. (Although it would be fun to play multiple hands, this would require you to manage a list of "used cards", and reshuffle the deck when you run out.)
- Since we're only playing one hand, no betting needs to take place, and you will not need to keep track of wins and losses.
- You do not need to implement any additional or optional rules of Blackjack, such as "splitting" and "five-card Charlies", that are not specified in this assignment.

#### To get started:

• Create a class Card.

- When you create an instance of Card, you pass it a Suit ("C", "D", "H", or "S") and a Rank (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 J, Q, K, A). These values should be stored as instance variables for the new card object.
- I recommend you also have an instance variable value that stores the point value of the card. You will find this very useful when you have to calculate the point value of a hand.
- o Card should have an \_\_str\_\_ method that lets you print an individual card (such as "3S" for the three of spades).

#### • Create a class Deck.

- When you create an instance of Deck, it should create a list of 52 Card objects and save it to an instance variable cardList.
- o It should have a shuffle() method that rearranges the cards in cardList. You can do this easily by importing the random package into Python, and using therandom.shuffle() method.random.shuffle(myList) rearranges the elements of the list myList into a random order. Also, if you insert the statement random.seed(#) (where "#" is an integer) before calling "shuffle", you will always get the same shuffle. This is useful for debugging.
- o It should have a dealOne() method that removes the first card from your deck's cardList, and appends it to the hand of a specified player.
- o It should have an \_\_str\_\_ method that lets you print out the entire deck in four rows of 13 cards (neatly aligned into columns) for debugging purposes. Note that the \_\_str\_\_ method for Deck objects should take advantage of the \_\_str\_\_ method for Card objects.

#### • Create a class Player.

- When you create an instance of Player, it should have an instance variable hand that's set to an empty list, and an instance variable handTotal that's set to zero. These instance variables will be modified by the Deck class' dealOne() method.
- o It should have an str method that lets you print out the hand of a Player.

## Your main program might look something like this:

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def main()
    cardDeck = Deck()
                                   # create a deck of 52 cards called
"cardDeck"
                                    # print the deck so we can see that you
    print(cardDeck)
built it correctly
                               random.seed(50)
   random.seed(50)
cardDeck.shuffle()
print(cardDeck)
                                    # print the deck so we can see that your
shuffle worked
    dealer = Player() # create the player: you play for this
Player
                           # create the dealer: the computer plays
   opponent = Player()
for this Player
   cardDeck.dealOne(opponent)  # face up
cardDeck.dealOne(dealer)  # face down (the "hole" card)
cardDeck.dealOne(opponent)  # face up
cardDeck.dealOne(dealer)  # face up
    showHands(opponent,dealer)  # remember not to show face down cards
    opponentTurn(cardDeck,dealer,opponent) # this is where half of the
hard stuff is done
    dealerTurn(cardDeck,dealer,opponent) # this is where the other half
of the hard stuff is done
   print ("Game over.")
   print ("Final hands:")
    print (" Dealer: ", dealer)
   print (" Opponent: ", opponent)
main()
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Function opponentTurn() should prompt the user for actions ("hit" or "stand"). Both opponentTurn() and dealerTurn() should display the cards in play in an easy-to-read fashion.

## **Input and Output:**

Your program should display the appropriate information to allow a player to make decisions during his/her turn, display updated hands after each card is drawn, and display what's happening during the dealer's turn. Finally, it should declare who wins each hand.

Your program should also display the shuffled deck at the start of the hand. Although in a real card game, the order of the cards would never be revealed in advance to the players, doing this will enable you to debug your code easily (that is, you can see what cards were dealt to ensure the hands have been correctly updated), and it will enable us to confirm that your program is handling the cards correctly during grading.

Here are two examples of expected output:

# Sample Output 1: result with seed = 50

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Initial deck:
 2C 3C 4C 5C 6C 7C 8C 9C 10C JC QC KC AC
 2D 3D 4D 5D 6D 7D 8D 9D 10D JD QD KD AD
 2H 3H 4H 5H 6H 7H 8H 9H 10H JH QH KH AH
 2S 3S 4S 5S 6S 7S 8S 9S 10S JS QS KS AS
Shuffled deck
 5D 7D AH 9S 10S 5S 8H KH 6C KS 5C 3C KC
 2S AS 10C KD 9C 2C AD 4H 2H QS 8S
                                            2 D
 5H 8D QC 3H 4C AC JS 4S QH 8C JD JC 6S
 JH 3D 9D 10H 7C 10D 6H 7S 4D 3S QD 6D 7H
Deck after dealing two cards each:
10S 5S 8H KH 6C KS 5C 3C KC 2S AS 10C
                                           KD
 9C 2C AD 4H 2H QS 8S 9H 2D 5H 8D QC 3H
 4C AC JS 4S QH 8C JD JC 6S JH 3D 9D 10H
 7C 10D 6H 7S 4D 3S QD 6D 7H
Dealer shows 9S faceup
You show AH faceup
You go first.
Assuming 11 points for an ace you were dealt for now.
You hold 5D AH for a total of 16
1 (hit) or 2 (stay)? 1
Card dealt: 10S
Over 21. switching an ace from 11 points to 1.
New total: 16
You hold 5D AH 10S for a total of 16
1 (hit) or 2 (stay)? 1
Card dealt: 5S
21! My turn. . .
Dealer's turn
Your hand: 5D AH 10S 5S for a total of 21
Dealer's hand: 7D 9S for a total of 16
Dealer hits: 8H
New total: 24
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Dealer has 24. Dealer busts! You win.

Game over.
Final hands:
    Dealer:    7D  9S  8H
    Opponent:    5D  AH  10S  5S
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#### Sample Output 2: result with seed = 25

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Initial deck:
 2C 3C 4C 5C 6C 7C 8C 9C 10C JC QC KC AC
 2D 3D 4D 5D 6D 7D 8D 9D 10D
                               JD QD KD AD
 2H 3H 4H 5H 6H 7H 8H 9H 10H JH QH KH AH
 2S 3S 4S 5S 6S 7S 8S 9S 10S
                               JS QS KS AS
Shuffled deck
 JH AS QD 4H 9S QC 6C KS
                            5S 10C
                                  7H JC
 5H 3C 3D 7C AH AD
                     JS 10H
                           7D 4S
                                  2S 10D
                                         9 H
 2H 5C 8S 4D 6S JD KC 9D 8H AC
                                  9C KH
                                         8C
 3H QH 10S 7S 5D 4C 6H 3S
                           8D 2D 2C QS KD
Deck after dealing two cards each:
 9S QC 6C KS 5S 10C 7H JC 6D 5H
                                  3C
                                     3 D
                                         7C
 AH AD JS 10H
              7D 4S
                            9H 2H 5C 8S
                     2S 10D
 6S JD KC 9D 8H AC 9C KH 8C 3H QH 10S 7S
 5D 4C 6H 3S 8D 2D 2C QS KD
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Dealer shows 4H faceup You show QD faceup

You go first.

You hold JH QD for a total of 20 1 (hit) or 2 (stay)? 2 Staying with 20

Dealer's turn

Your hand: JH QD for a total of 20 Dealer's hand: AS 4H for a total of 15

Assuming 11 points for an ace I was dealt for now. Dealer hits: 9S

New total: 24

Over 21. switching an ace from 11 points to 1.

New total: 14

Dealer hits: QC New total: 24

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Dealer has 24. Dealer busts! You win.

Game over.
Final hands:

Dealer: AS 4H 9S QC

Opponent: JH QD

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